

Amendment to Claims:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

Claims 10-11 (Canceled).

12. **(Currently amended):** A method for protecting a susceptible human or animal from infection with a pathogenic bacterium, comprising administering an effective amount of vaccine ~~according to claim 7,~~ **comprising a live, attenuated bacterium of a genus selected from the group consisting of *Escherichia*, *Yersinia* and *Salmonella*, said bacterium not having a functional tRNA_{5^{leu}} and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.**

13. **(New):** The method of claim 12, wherein the bacterium is of the genus *Salmonella*.